

5879. Adulteration of sardines. U. S. * * * v. 28 Cases and 8 Cases of Sardines. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 8469. I. S. Nos. 16715-p, 16716-p. S. No. W-197.)

On September 14, 1917, the United States attorney for the Southern District of California, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 28 cases and 8 cases of sardines, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at San Diego, Cal., alleging that the article had been shipped by Stone Ordean & Wells, Duluth, Minn., on or about July 27, 1917, and transported from the State of Minnesota into the State of California, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in whole and in part of filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal matter.

On October 16, 1917, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*